

Mustangs run record to 3-0 with big victory over Colton Vikings

The Heppner Mustang football team ran their season record to 3-0 with a 50-12 victory over the Colton Vikings.

Colton tried to execute an onside kick to start the game and it was recovered by Landon Mitchell near midfield, giving the Mustangs great field position to start their first series. A quick five play drive highlighted by a 30-yard pass completion from Mitchell to Cameron Proudfoot ended with a touchdown when Caden George ran the ball in from 11 yards out for the score. Mitchell carried the ball in for the 2 pt. conversion to make it 8-0 just three minutes into the game.

The Mustang kickoff pinned Colton deep in their own territory. The Heppner defense forced a Viking punt that gave Heppner the ball with great field position and the Mustangs needed only four plays to score again. This time it was a 15-yard pass completion from Mitchell to Cameron Proudfoot for the touchdown. Proudfoot then ran the ball in for the 2-point conversion to make the score 16-0.

On the first Viking play after the Heppner kickoff, Mitchell intercepted a pass at the Colton 29 yard line and ran it into the end zone for another Mustang touchdown. Nick Wenberg took a handoff and blasted into the end zone for the 2 pt.-conversion to give the Mustangs a 24-0 lead.

Colton was forced to punt and the Mustangs took the ball and scored just five plays later. This drive was highlighted by a 34-yard pass completion from Mitchell to Mason Orem and then finished when Cameron Proudfoot ran 23 yards for the touchdown.

That made the score 30-0.

On the next Viking possession, Wenberg forced a Colton fumble that Mitchell jumped on to give the Mustangs the ball near midfield. Mitchell then handed the ball to Hayden McMahon and he ran for a big gain. On the very next play Caden George scored on a touchdown run of 27 yards. Caden then ran the ball in for the 2 pt. conversion to make the score 38-0 as the first quarter ended.

Colton got the ball back and scored on a long drive to make the score of the game 38-6. The teams traded possessions and the half came to an end with the score 38-6.

The Mustangs kicked off to start the second half and quickly forced a Viking punt. On the ensuing drive by Heppner, Caden George had runs of 13 and 49 yards to set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Mitchell. That made the score 44-6 three minutes into the second half.

Mitchell would intercept a Viking pass to give Heppner the ball near midfield. The Mustangs turned the ball over on downs to Colton and they scored another touchdown to make the score 44-12 early in the fourth quarter.

Wenberg had a nice kickoff return to set up the next Heppner score. New Quarterback Caylan Proudfoot handed the ball off to Hayden McMahon who sprinted 73 yards for a touchdown. The score was now 50-12.

After the Heppner kickoff, Cameron Proudfoot stepped in front of a Viking pass and intercepted it. The Mustangs then ended the game by taking a knee several times and came home with a 50-12 victory.

Heppner finished

the game with 404 yards of total offense and allowed Colton 234. The Mustangs ran the ball for 278 yards and had 126 passing yards. The Heppner defense held Colton to only 96 yards of rushing and they got 138 passing the ball.

Mitchell had another strong night as he was 6-7 passing the ball for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Cameron Proudfoot caught four of those passes for 65 yards and a score. Orem had one reception for 34 yards and Caden George caught a pass for 27 yards and a touchdown.

Hayden McMahon led the team in rushing with 137 yards on 7 carries and scored a touchdown. Caden George ran the ball for 104 yards and a score on 7 carries while Cameron Proudfoot had 4 carries for 31 yards and a touchdown and Mitchell also carried the ball for a touchdown. Alakae Rodriquez had 3 rushes for 10 yards, Wenberg was next with 2 carries for 2 yards and Tripp Stewart ran the ball once for a 1-yard gain.

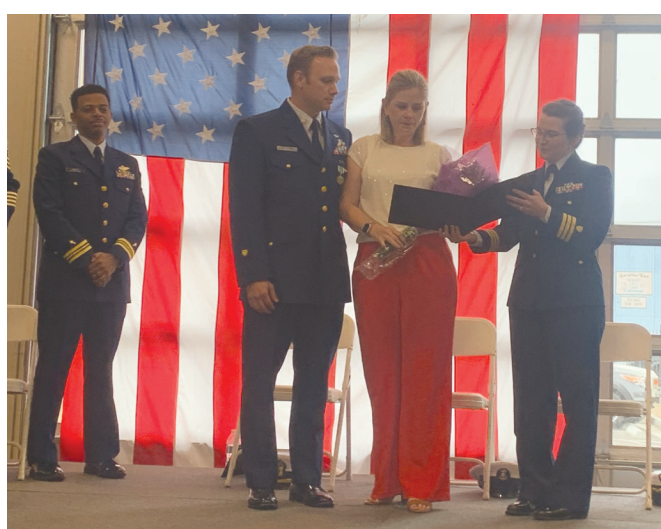
The Mustang defense was led by Jaime Cavan who had 8 tackles in the game. Next was Caden George and Wenberg with 6 each. Owen Guerra followed with 3 tackles and with 2 each were Mitchell, who also had 2 interceptions in the game, Orem, Hayden McMahon and Landon McMahon. Cameron Proudfoot had a tackle to go along with his interception. Also recording a tackle were Martin Medina, Caleb George, Connor Wilson, Keaton Coiner and Tripp Stewart.

The Mustangs have a home game this Friday at Les Payne Field when they host the Lost River Raiders.

Travis Judd earns Coast Guard honors



Travis Judd - Photo Scott McEwen



Travis Judd at his retirement ceremony - Photo Scott McEwen

MKCM Travis Judd, who graduated from Heppner High School in 1999, enlisted in the US Coast Guard Reserves. Immediately following the tragic events of 9/11 he integrated onto active duty and mar-

ried Amanda Judd (Beauchamp) of Milton-Freewater Oregon.

For most of his career, MKCM Judd spent a great deal of his career serving on the waters of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska,

and remote duty in the community of Tok, AK. Most notably he served as a machinery technician at the National Motorlifeboat School, Engineer Petty Officer at LORSTA TOK, Ak, USCGC MUSTANG, Seward, AK, Station Cape Disappointment Ilwaco, WA, and most recently as the Machinery Master Chief Onboard the world's most powerful non-nuclear Icebreaker USCGC POLAR STAR. It was onboard POLAR STAR where he was deployed to break ice in the Arctic, and Antarctica to support science and ensure the delivery of supplies to NSF Science Station McMurdo, Antarctica.

His non-operational assignments include Company Chief at the Coast Guard Academy and Integrated Support Command New Orleans.

“As a true multi-mission sailor, Judd has distinguished himself in shipboard engineering, search and rescue in the surf, and challenging environments across both polar regions.”

His career has brought numerous military decorations including the Permanent Cutterman Insignia, Boat Forces Operations Insignia, 5 Coast Guard Commendation medals with operational distinguishing device, two Antarctic service medals and the arctic service medal.

Amanda and Travis' daughters are both attending Western Washington University in the fall. Jasmine is working toward her M.A. in History and Alaina is pursuing a B.A. in Business Studies.

ODFW seeks volunteers to serve as Sport Fishing and Commercial Salmon representative on R&E Board – Apply by Oct. 2

SALEM, Ore.— ODFW is seeking qualified applicants to fill a sport fishing and commercial salmon industry position on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board. Interested individuals must apply by Oct. 2, 2023 using this form.

The ideal sport fishing candidate will be a resident of Oregon that is able to effectively represent the sport anglers of Oregon. Desirable attributes include involvement with local fishing groups or fish management, previous experience with boards or commissions, and knowledge of, or involvement with, the diverse sport fisheries across Oregon. To maintain geographic representation on the board ODFW is looking to recruit a board member who can represent sport anglers from the east side of the Cascade mountains.

The ideal commercial fishing candidate will be a resident of Oregon that is able to effectively represent Oregon's commercial salmon industry. We encourage individuals that can represent seafood processors, the commercial troll fleet, or gillnet fleet to apply. Desirable attributes include involvement with local fishing groups or fish

management, previous experience with boards or commissions, and knowledge of, or involvement with commercially caught salmon in Oregon.

The Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 to help fund fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state. The program is funded by a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees and is overseen by a seven-member citizen board made up of three sport fishing representatives, three representatives from the commercial salmon industry (troll, gillnet and seafood processing) and one public-at-large representative. The Board reviews grant proposals from various organizations

and agencies and recommends projects for funding.

Board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, meet two to four times each year in various communities throughout the state to review project funding applications, hear public testimony, act as liaisons between the program and the public and to conduct other program business. Board members are volunteers; however, Board-related business expenses are reimbursed.

For more information visit the R&E program website at <http://www.odfw.state.or.us/fish/RE/> or contact Marty Olson with the R&E program at (503) 947-6232 or Martin.P.Olson@ODFW.Oregon.Gov

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